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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM'S MEETING WITH
SECRETARY BUTZ

1. INDIAN FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM CALLED ON SECRETARY
BUTZ SEPTEMBER 5. MINISTER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIAN
AMBASSADOR KAUL, FINANCE SECRETARY M.G. KAUL AND OTHER
EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

2. SUBRAMANIAM REITERATED GOI REQUEST FOR TWO MILLION TONS
OF FOOD GRAIN UNDER TITLE I THIS FISCAL YEAR. HE WAS
TOLD THAT USG USING FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT AS
"ILLUSTRATIVE PLANNING FIGURE." HE WAS TOLD FURTHER THAT
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WOULD REVIEW GRAIN AVAIL-
ABILITIES AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11 CROP REPORT. SECRETARY
BUTZ ASSURED SUBRAMANIAM THAT INDIA WOULD BE CONSIDERED
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ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHEN ALLOCATION DECISIONS WERE
MADE, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENTS AS TO QUANTITIES THAT MIGHT
BE SUPPLIED.

3. THE SECRETARY NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THAT INDIA HAD BOUGHT SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF U.S. GRAIN COMMERCIALY BOTH IN FY 75 AND 76.

4. NEITHER THE TRADE PROBLEM WITH NORTH VIETNAM NOR THE SOVIET WHEAT LOAN REPAYMENT PROBLEM WERE MENTIONED DIRECTLY, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR KAUL COVERED THIS INDIRECTLY BY STATING THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS IN ENTERING INTO PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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